

Appropriation: Land Acquisition

APPROPRIATION LANGUAGE SHEET

For expenses necessary to carry out sections 205, 206, and 318(d) of Public Law 94-579, including administrative expenses and acquisition of lands or waters, or interests therein, [\$9,550,000] *\$13,350,000*, to be derived from the Land and Water Conservation Fund and to remain available until expended (*Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2004.*).

AUTHORIZATIONS

Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.)

Provides authority for acquisition (1715, 1716) of lands or interests in lands by purchase, exchange, donation, or eminent domain, when it is consistent with the mission of the Department and with land use plans (1715(b)); in exercising this authority, appropriations from the Land and Water Conservation Fund may be used to purchase lands which are primarily of value for outdoor recreation purposes (1748(d)).

Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, as amended (16 U.S.C. 460l-4 et seq.)

Authorizes planning, acquisition, and development of needed land and water areas and facilities; in exercising this authority, appropriated funds from the LWCF may be used for such acquisition to assist in preserving, developing, and assuring accessibility for the benefit of present and future citizens of the U. S.

Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1271 et seq.)

Authorizes the Secretary to exchange or dispose of suitable Federally-owned property for non-Federal property within the authorized boundaries of any Federally-administered component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, 1277(d). Similar exchange authority is contained in The National Trails System Act of 1968, as amended 16 U.S.C. 1241et seq.).

Wilderness Act of 1964 (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.)

Authorizes the Secretary to acquire privately owned property within the boundary of any area designated as a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

National Trails System Act of 1968, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1241-1249)

Authorizes the Secretary to acquire lands or interests in lands included in the right-of-way selected for a National Historic, National Recreation, or National Scenic Trail; by written cooperative agreement, donation, purchase (with donated or appropriated funds), or exchange.

Other

Other acts such as, the King Range National Conservation Area Act of 1970, as amended (16 U.S.C. 460y); San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area Act, in Arizona (16 U.S.C. 460xx); Arkansas-Idaho Land Exchange Act of 1992 (P.L. 102-584); Utah School Lands Act (P.L. 103-93); Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 460nnn, P.L. 106-399; and California Desert Protection Act of 1994 (P.L. 103-433), authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into acquisitions, including purchase, donation, land exchange.

SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS (\$000)

Comparison by Activity/ Subactivity	2004 Actual		2005 Enacted		Uncontrollable & Related Changes (+/-)		Program Changes (+/-)		2006 Budget Request		Inc(+) Dec(-) from 2005	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
Land Acquisition	27	18,370	27	11,192	0	0	0	+2,158	27	13,350	0	+2,158
Land Acquisition	2	13,420	2	6,262	0	0	0	3,288	2	9,550	0	+3,288
Exchange Equalization Payments	0	494	0	493	0	0	0	-493	0	0	0	-493
Acquisition Mgt.	25	3,456	25	2,958	0	0	0	-658	25	2,300	0	-658
Emergencies & Hardships	0	1,000	0	1,479	0	0	0	21	0	1,500	0	+21

Activity: Land Acquisition

ACTIVITY SUMMARY (\$000)

Subactivity	2004 Actual Amount	2005 Enacted Amount	Uncontrollable & Related Changes (+/-) Amount	Program Changes (+/-) Amount	2006 Budget Request Amount	Inc(+) Dec(-) from 2005 Amount
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FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emergencies & Hardships	494	493	0	-493	0	-493
\$			0			
FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Dollars	18,370	11,192	0	+2,158	13,350	+2,158
\$			0			
FTE	27	27	0	0	27	0

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

Utilizing Land Tenure Adjustment, the BLM consolidates public lands by acquiring intermingled non-Federal lands through purchase, exchange, and donation. A component of Land Tenure Adjustment is the Land Acquisition program. This program allows the BLM to maintain open space, provides opportunities for environmentally responsible recreation, preserves natural and cultural heritage resources, restores at-risk botanical, fisheries and wildlife resources, and maintains functioning ecosystems. This program promotes these goals, increases management efficiency, and creates areas where these goals are emphasized. The Land Acquisition activity is composed of four subactivity programs: Land Acquisition, Acquisition Management, and Emergencies and Inholdings programs.

The Land Acquisition program provides the funds for the purchase of lands. These funds are appropriated from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which was created by Congress 41 years ago. Funds appropriated to this program are used only for purchase of land or interests in land. The BLM only purchases land from willing sellers and is required to offer fair market

value. The Emergencies and Inholdings program provides funds to purchase lands, usually small, relatively inexpensive tracts, when an owner must sell land quickly.

Acquisition Management funds are used to meet expenses for processing actions needed to complete land purchases, including costs associated with title research, appraisals, surveys, relocation, coordination with BLM multi-resource programs, and coordination with local governments and private parties. BLM also uses funds from the Acquisition Management subactivity for the administrative costs associated with donations when the land acquired through this method is within an approved project area.

BLM's Partnerships with Conservation Organizations - Dozens of non-profit conservation partners annually assist local communities and the BLM in supporting the purchase and management of specific properties for recreation values and open space. While the majority of these partners support purchase of lands through grassroots political advocacy and long-term conservation management, a small number of regional and national partners directly assist the BLM by becoming involved in the purchase of fee and conservation easement property interests. These partners include The Conservation Fund, The Nature Conservancy, The Trust for Public Land, Western Rivers Conservancy, The Archeological Conservancy, Save-the-Redwoods League, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, The Wildlands Conservancy, and the Teton Regional Land Trust.

Approximately 80 percent of BLM purchase transactions are completed with the assistance of these non-profit conservation partners. Through involvement in BLM's land use planning process, neighboring conservation projects, and direct solicitation, these non-profit organizations become known to area landowners and are often first approached by in-holders of private property entertaining the prospect of a sale. Many owners of private property within these unique areas are committed to preserving long-held community values associated with these lands, and desire to ensure that long-held practices are preserved for future generations through land use restrictions, conservation easements or sale to the federal government or other entities who will protect and conserve the lands and traditional uses.

Nonprofit partners are able to and often option or pre-purchase conservation properties for assignment, sale or resale to the BLM. In certain circumstances, a non-profit partner may be able to construct a "phased" transaction, where the sale of an expensive property may be completed over a two to three year period.

Strategic Plan - The Land Acquisition program supports the Resource Protection and Serving Communities mission goals from the Department's Strategic Plan. Each mission goal of the Strategic Plan has several performance measures to gauge progress towards meeting mission goal accomplishments, including end outcome goals and measures, intermediate outcome goals and measures and primary outputs. Key intermediate outcome performance measures are promoting respect for private property, and reducing degradation and protecting cultural and natural heritage resources. Funds for the Land Acquisition activity are derived from the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

PROTECTING THE LEGACY OF RIVERS Partnerships are Key to LWCF Success

The Upper Snake/South Fork Snake River Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) and Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) is born of snowmelt and springs among the high ridges of Yellowstone country. This nationally recognized land conservation project has protected approximately 44 privately owned properties through purchase of 13,700 acres (7,300 acres of fee and 5,900 acres of conservation easement) along the South Fork, Henrys Fork, and Main Snake Rivers in southeastern Idaho's Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. These conservation purchases have augmented 22,000 acres of Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Forest Service, and State of Idaho administered river lands. The ACEC supports multiple listed species, the most unique and bio-diverse ecosystem in Idaho, and an active water-based recreation program. Because of the large geographic scope of the project, imminent threats of subdivision and resort development in multiple areas, and the diversity of landowners along the river corridors, the BLM's Idaho Falls Field Office formed a partnership in 1998 with several nonprofit conservation groups; The Conservation Fund, The Nature Conservancy, and the Teton Regional Land Trust to achieve common conservation goals.



Partnerships, community and Congressional support have allowed BLM to preserve the wild open space and recreational opportunities of the South Fork of the Snake River within the Upper Snake/South Fork Snake River ACEC-SRMA.

The nonprofit organizations collaborate as a team with the BLM to acquire key properties from willing landowners to secure and preserve open space and public recreational access within the ACEC. Periodic partnership meetings are held to coordinate and prioritize river conservation efforts and leverage appropriated funds. The project involves dedicated landowners, the strong support of the Idaho Congressional delegation, the cooperation of nonprofit conservation partners as well as the Idaho Fish and Game Department and the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes.

Partnerships and community support have been key to the following successes:

- Between 1991-2004, the BLM received \$16,932,285 in LWCF appropriations. To date BLM has purchased 14 conservation easements and 17 fee title properties for \$15,132,647 (these properties were actually valued at \$18,353,097). Partial donations by land owners and nonprofit conservation partners (accounting for the \$3,220,450 difference) have allowed the BLM to stretch LWCF appropriations.
- Thus far, the partnership has leveraged approximately \$27 million from diverse funding sources including BLM LWCF appropriations, the Bonneville Power Administration wildlife mitigation fund, the National Resource Conservation Service's Wetland Reserve and Farm / Ranchland Protection Programs, the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, and landowner donations.
- Currently BLM and their nonprofit partners are negotiating 3 conservation easement purchases and 1 fee title purchase, with a collective estimated value of \$4 million. Twelve other landowners within the ACEC have expressed their desire to conserve their river properties with conservation easements.

Activity: Land Acquisition

Subactivity: Land Acquisition

SUBACTIVITY SUMMARY (\$000)

	2004 Actual Amount	2005 Enacted Amount	Uncontrollable & Related Changes (+/-) Amount	Program Changes (+/-) Amount	2006 Budget Request Amount	Inc(+) Dec(-) from 2005 Amount
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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

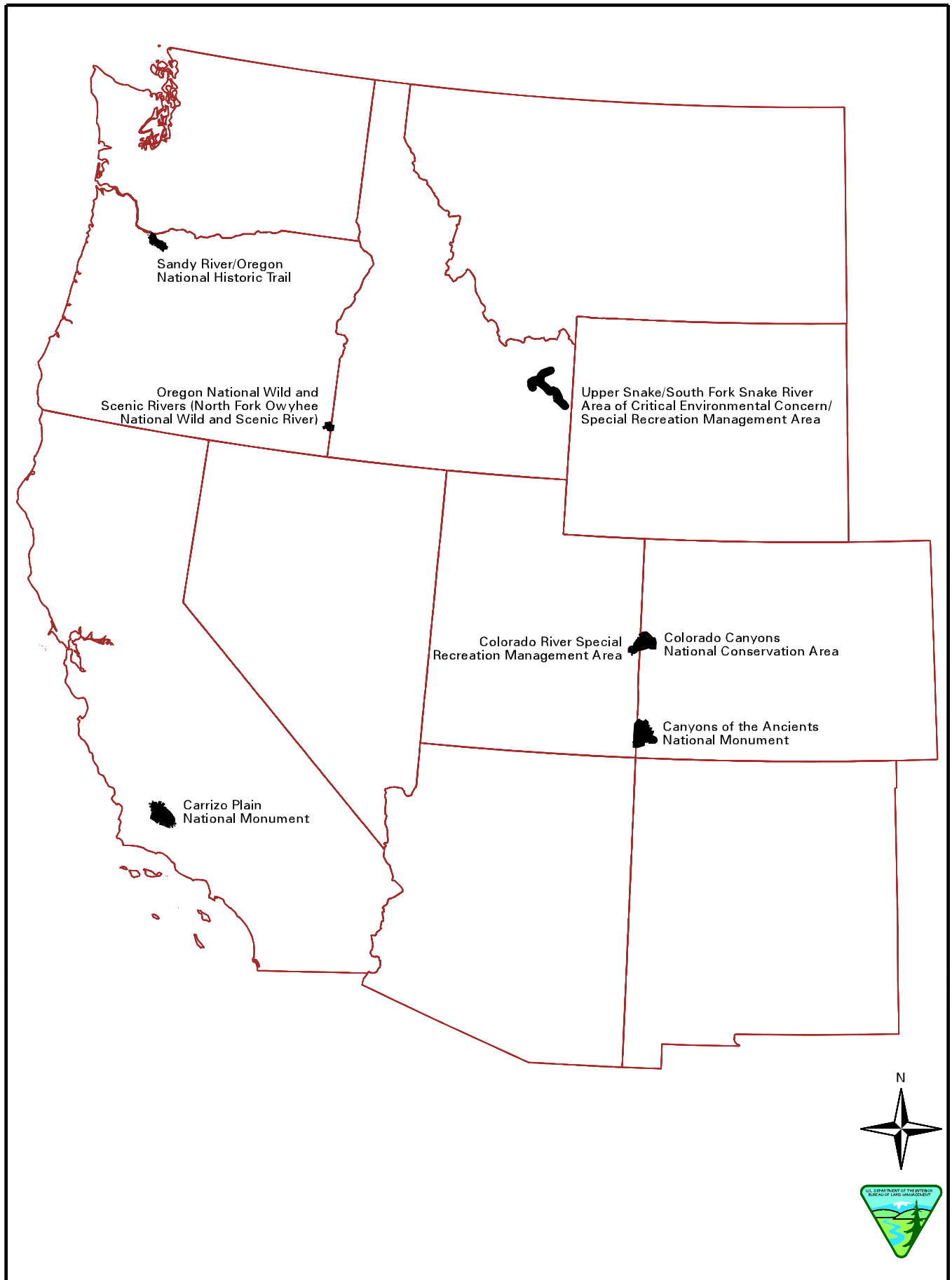
The 2006 budget request for the Land Acquisition program is \$9,550,000.

The BLM's Land Acquisition program promotes the improvement of land tenure distribution and protects resources and property. The program preserves natural and cultural heritage resources, provides opportunities for environmentally responsible recreation, restores at-risk resources and maintains functioning ecosystems through land acquisitions. The land acquisition program promotes these goals by consolidating public lands through purchases and exchanges to increase management efficiency and create areas where these values are emphasized. As a result, other public lands are available for a broader variety of multiple uses. Communication, cooperation and consultation with local communities and interested parties are key to the BLM's implementation of the goals of the land acquisition program. Funds for the Land Acquisition activity are derived from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LCWF).

To increase BLM's Land and Water Conservation Fund capabilities, the BLM accepts the support of Federal, tribal, State, and local governments, interested individuals, and non-profit organizations. These partners, in compliance with approved agency land use plans, obtain options on properties or purchase properties offered for sale by willing sellers, for sale or resale to the BLM. Some partners provide long-term property management assistance, especially when purchases of critical habitat for threatened and endangered species are involved.

The BLM prioritizes its acquisition efforts to support areas specially designated by Congress, including National Monuments, National Conservation Areas, National Wilderness Areas, National Wild and Scenic Rivers, National Scenic Trails, National Historic Trails, as well as BLM designated Areas of Critical Environmental Concern and Special Recreation Management Areas. The BLM also accepts donations of property in these areas. The BLM completes all purchases on a willing-seller basis.

Fiscal Year 2006 Bureau of Land Management Land and Water Conservation Fund Submissions



In 2006, the BLM is requesting funding for seven purchases in five States. These acquisitions would strengthen BLM's efforts to conserve and protect cultural and historic resources, retain open space, preserve wildlife habitat and wilderness, and enhance public recreation opportunities in the western U.S. in perpetuity. The BLM will utilize innovative methods to acquire lands, including conservation easements, leveraged purchases, and the purchase of development rights where these methods meet management objectives and landowner needs. The estimated annual operation and maintenance costs associated with proposed 2006 LWCF acquisitions in the aggregate are \$46,500.

The Land Acquisition program supports the Resource Protection and Serving Communities mission goals from the Department's Strategic Plan by sustaining biological communities on public lands in a manner consistent with the laws and administrative procedures governing the use of water, and protecting lives, resources and property. Each mission goal of the Strategic Plan has several performance measures to gauge progress towards meeting mission goal accomplishments, including end outcome goals and measures, intermediate outcome goals and measures and primary outputs. A key Resource Protection intermediate outcome measure of performance for the Land Acquisition program is increasing the number of acres restored or enhanced to achieve habitat conditions to support species conservation consistent with management documents and program objectives. A key Serving Communities intermediate outcome measure of performance for the Land Acquisition program is promoting respect for private property.

2004 PROGRAM PERFORMANCE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In 2004, the major accomplishments in the Land Acquisition program included the following:

- Purchase of a 7,924-acre parcel, valued at \$3.3 million within New Mexico's Rio Grande National Wild and Scenic River corridor. The purchase completed the first phase of a two-phase purchase in a wild and remote area of northern New Mexico. Ute Mountain, an extinct volcano, is the dominant feature of this 14,344-acre "landscape" property located just south of the Colorado border along the Rio Grande. With elevations ranging between 7,600-10,093 feet, the property supports many vegetative zones. The Rio Grande flows south along the western edge of the property for five miles, cutting the nearly vertical Rio Grande Gorge through the lava-capped plateau. This deep riparian canyon supports the second highest concentration of raptors in North America; the vast undeveloped abutting acreage supports the prey base for this raptor population. The Trust for Public Land is assisting the BLM with this phased project.
- Purchase of the 8,200-acre "Devil's Canyon Ranch" parcel, valued at \$4.0 million within the 101,160-acre West Slope Special Recreation Management Area in Big Horn County, Wyoming. The purchase provided permanent protection of significant 12,000-year-old archeological (Paleoindian Period) and paleontological sites and artifacts including significant campsites, rock shelters, fence traps, and quarries. The purchase also provided key winter range and important caving grounds for deer and elk, numerous raptor species, and an isolated population of sage grouse. Additionally, the acquisition now protects a stretch of Porcupine Creek (characterized by a dramatic 1,500 sheer-walled canyon)

supporting an important trout spawning ground and headwater tributary to the Big Horn River. Porcupine Creek has been found "suitable" for designation as a "Wild River" under provisions of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. The property, with panoramic views of the western slopes of the Big Horn Mountains, serves as a gateway to more than 20,000 acres of public land popular with local hunters, fishermen, hikers and other backcountry enthusiasts. The prior owner of Devil's Canyon Ranch had banned public access through the property in 1998. The Trust for Public Land and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation assisted the BLM with this project.

2005 PERFORMANCE/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In 2005, significant planned accomplishments in the Land Acquisition program include the following:

- The BLM will use a \$3.5 million appropriation to purchase a 4,090-acre inholding within the Chain-of-Lakes Recreation Management Area/Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail project in western Montana. The project area derives its name from a series of impounded reservoirs along this 60-mile stretch of the Missouri River, 20 miles east of Helena. This acquisition, the second of a two phase purchase, lies within the core of the Chain-of-Lakes project and has the distinction of receiving the highest recreational use (increasing at a rate of 7% per year) in Montana, exceeding 1,000,000 visitors in 2003. This riparian corridor provides habitat for big game species, waterfowl, and native and introduced recreational fisheries, critically dependant on undeveloped shoreline to maintain healthy populations. During fall and winter months 200-400 bald eagles congregate here to feed on spawning Kokanee salmon. The Conservation Fund has optioned the property from an elderly highly motivated willing seller and will close with the BLM early in FY 2005.
- The BLM will use a \$2.7 million appropriation to purchase a 6,420-acre inholding within New Mexico's Rio Grande National Wild and Scenic River corridor. The purchase will complete the second phase of a two-phase purchase in a wild and remote area of northern New Mexico. Ute Mountain, an extinct volcano, is the dominant feature of this 14,344-acre "landscape" property located just south of the Colorado border along the Rio Grande. With elevations ranging between 7,600-10,093 feet, the property supports many vegetative zones. The Rio Grande flows south along the western edge of the property for five miles, cutting the nearly vertical Rio Grande Gorge through the lava-capped plateau. This deep riparian canyon supports the second highest concentration of raptors in North America; the vast undeveloped abutting acreage supports the prey base for this raptor population. The Trust for Public Land purchased the property in 2003 from a willing seller, conveyed the first (\$3,300,000) phase to BLM in 2004 and will complete the transaction with the sale of this second phase early in FY2005.

JUSTIFICATION OF 2006 PROGRAM CHANGES

	2006 Budget Request	Program Changes (+/-)
\$(000)	9,550	+3,288
FTE	2	0

The 2006 budget request for Land Acquisition is \$9,550,000 a program change of +\$3,288,000 from the 2005 enacted level.

Land Acquisitions, (+\$3,288,000) - In 2006, the BLM will use the increased funds for purchases within seven projects in five States, for a total of \$9.6 million.

2006 Land Acquisition Projects:
(each project is described in detail in the following pages)

Project Name	State	(\$000's)	Acres
Upper Snake/South Fork Snake River ACEC/SRMA ¹	ID	3,000	925
Canyons of the Ancients National Monument	CO	1,100	543
Sandy River/Oregon National Historic Trail	OR	1,600	535
Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area	CO	1,500	750
Colorado River SRMA	UT	1,200	500
Carrizo Plain National Monument	CA	500	800
Oregon National Wild and Scenic Rivers/ North Fork Owyhee National Wild and Scenic River (NWSR)	OR	650	662
TOTAL		9,550	4,715

¹Acronyms:

ACEC = Area of Critical Environmental Concern
SRMA = Special Recreation Management Area

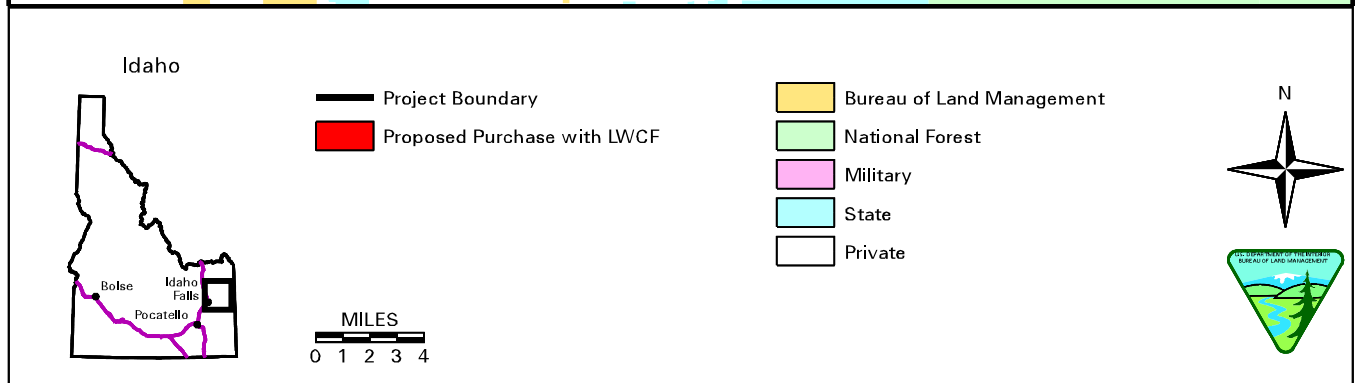
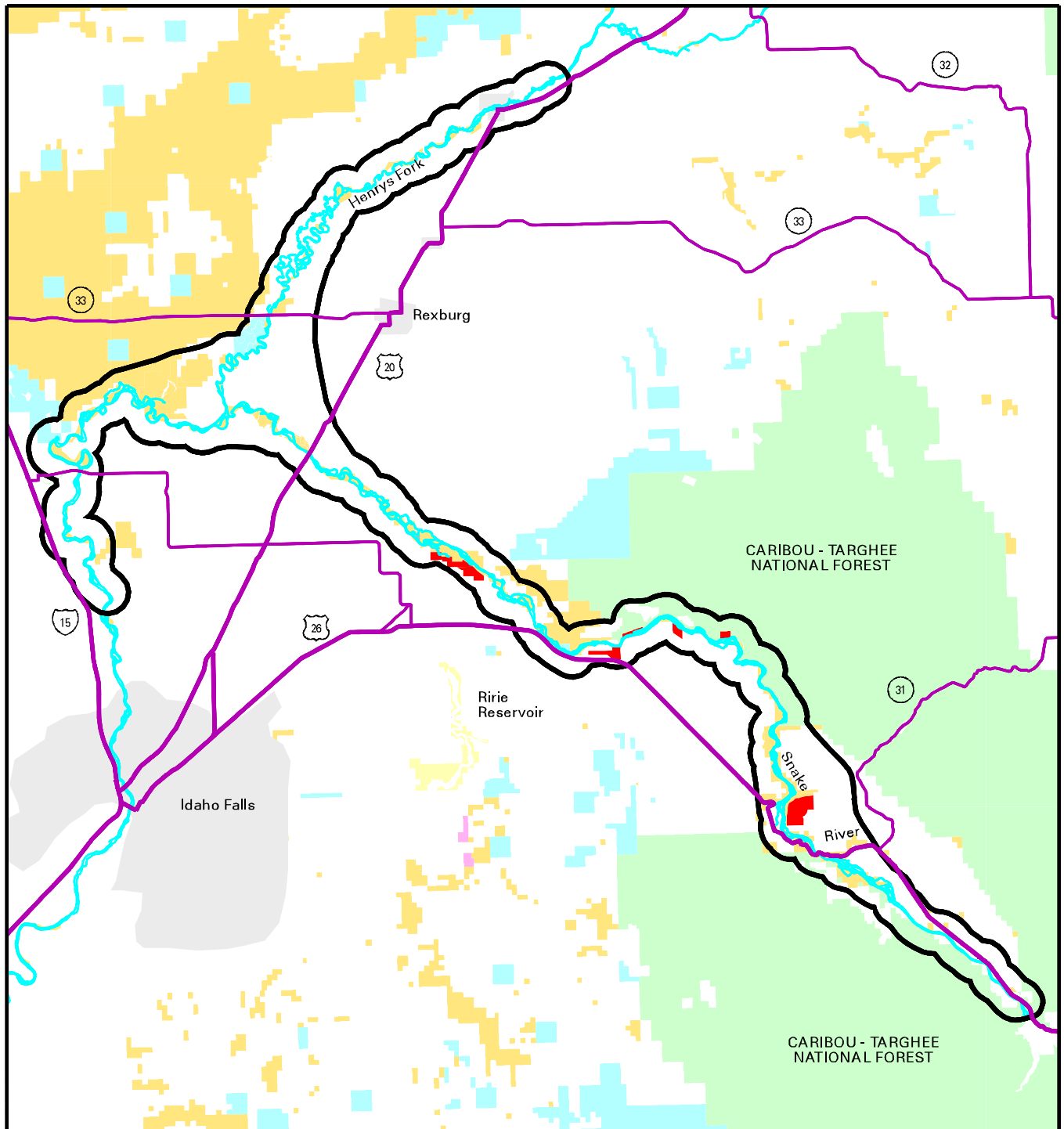
LAND ACQUISITION PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

DOI Strategic Goal: Serve Communities							
End Outcome Goal: Protect lives, resources, and property.							
Intermediate Outcome Goal 4: Promote respect for private property.							
Intermediate Outcome Measures:	2003 Actual	2004 Actual	2005 Planned: Budget Justification	2005 Planned: Revised Final	2006 Planned	Change in Performance (2005 : 2006)	2009 Long Term Target
Increase the number and acreage of land purchase acquisitions to improve land tenure distribution (SP: Non-Key)	90,000	40,712	20,000	35,047	5,000	-30,047	5,000
Primary Outputs funded by this subactivity:	2003 Actual	2004 Actual	2005 Planned: Budget Justification	2005 Planned: Revised Final	2006 Planned	Change in Performance (2005 : 2006)	2009 Long Term Target
Process Land Exchanges (number).	132	80	120	80	80	0	75
Process Land Purchase/Donation (number).	73	48	75	101	80	-21	75

Upper Snake/South Fork Snake River Area of Critical Environmental Concern/Special Recreation Management Area

IDAHO		Bonneville, Fremont, Jefferson, and Madison Counties		Congressional District 2																																								
Location	Southeast Idaho, 20 miles northeast of Idaho Falls.																																											
Purpose	Conserve significant scenic, recreational, and wildlife resources within South Fork, Henrys Fork, and Main Snake River corridors.																																											
Purchase Opportunities	Multiple properties facing immediate threats from rural residential and resort development, while enhancing public access, are available.																																											
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Project Description	<p>Born of snowmelt and springs among high ridges of Yellowstone country, the 42,900-acre Upper Snake/South Fork Snake River project is an area like no other in the West. Gliding through mountains, canyons, and meadows, and the vast farmlands of the Snake River plains; a 1980 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service evaluation rated this area the most valuable, biodiverse, and unique ecosystem in Idaho. The riparian corridor, lined with commanding cottonwood galleries and a lush shrub understory, sustains a broad variety of plants, fish, birds, and wildlife populations. It is the only home for the Federally-threatened Ute ladies'-tresses orchid in Idaho and is a world famous, blue ribbon fishery, supporting the largest wild Yellowstone cutthroat trout population outside of Yellowstone National Park. The first World Fly Fishing Championship in North America took place on the South Fork in 1997. The area provides crucial habitat for 126 bird species (the majority of them neotropical migrants), including the majority of Idaho's bald eagle production (with 23 nesting territories), great blue heron (11 rookeries), and the yellow-billed cuckoo. Diverse recreational opportunities account for 335,000 recreational visits per year.</p> <p>The scope of the project increased dramatically as a result of enormous public support and the residual impact from the 1997 100-year flood event. The project shares a contiguous boundary with the Caribou-Targhee National Forest, administered by the Forest Service, and serves as a national model for land conservation, strategically utilizing conservation easements in an effort to preserve the unique values of this area.</p>																																											
O&M Cost	Estimated "start up" cost: \$1,000		Estimated "annual" maintenance: \$10,000																																									
GPRA Goal	Meets the "Serving Communities" goal of the DOI's Strategic Plan by providing increased public access to recreational areas thereby improving visitor satisfaction.																																											

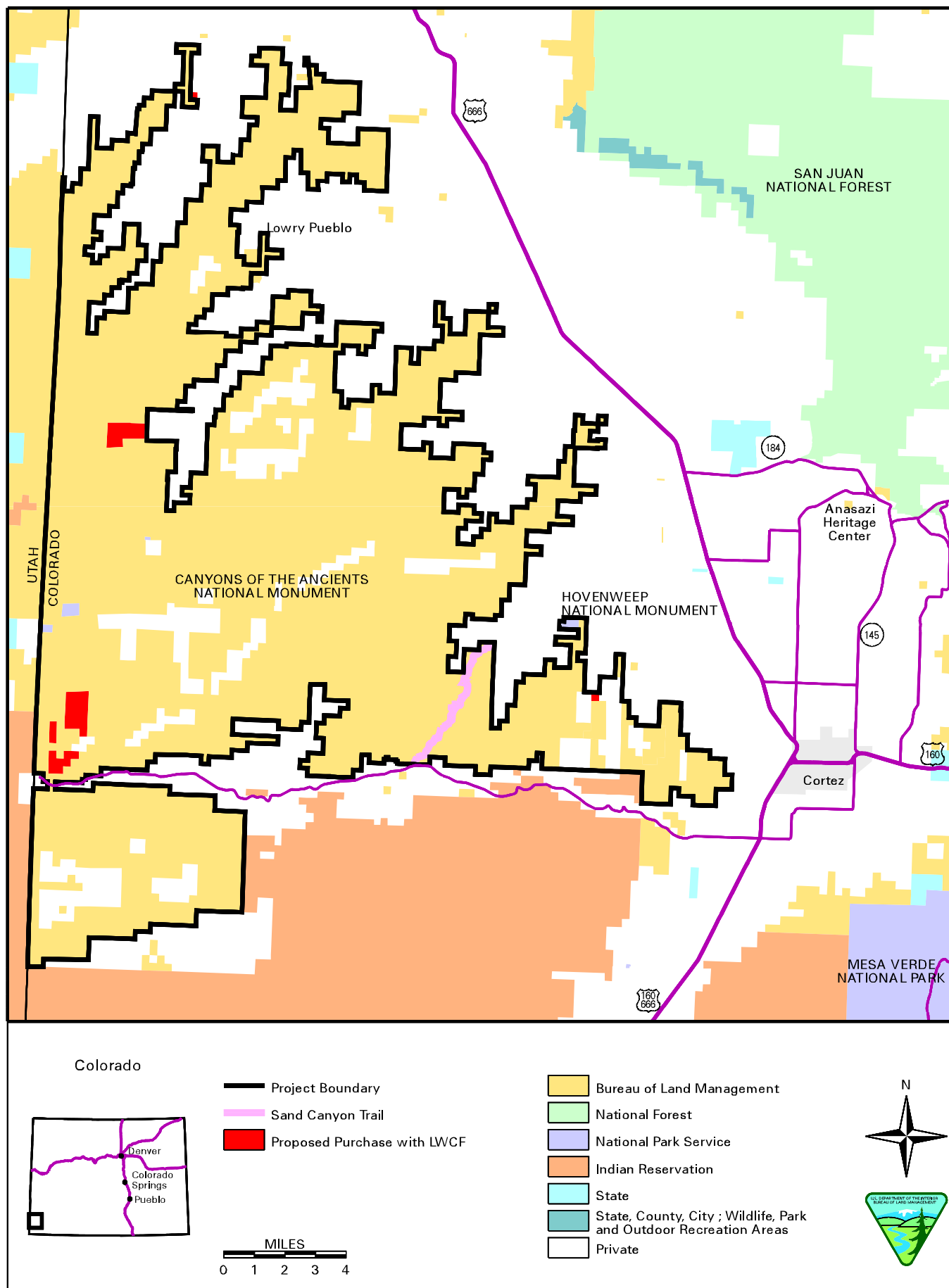
Upper Snake / South Fork Snake River Area of Critical Environmental Concern / Special Recreation Management Area



Canyons of the Ancients National Monument

COLORADO		Dolores and Montezuma Counties	Congressional District 3																																							
Location	Southwest Colorado, 20 miles west and northwest of Cortez.																																									
Purpose	Purchase property within and adjacent to the boundary of Canyons of the Ancients National Monument.																																									
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Project Description	<p>Canyons of the Ancients National Monument (NM) was established to protect cultural and natural resources on a landscape scale. The complex 164,000-acre landscape and remarkable cultural resources have been a focal point of explorers and researchers for over 125 years. The Monument contains the highest density of cultural resource sites in the nation with more than 100 sites/square mile; 6,000 sites are documented and a total of 20-30,000 predicted. Site types include cliff dwellings, villages, great kivas, shrines, agricultural fields, check dams, petroglyphs and pictographs, and pottery kilns. Many sites have standing walls. Ten sites are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and one is a National Historic Landmark. Native Americans maintain close ties to the landscape and to the sites occupied by their ancestors. The BLM has established excellent relationships with Native American tribes and regularly involve tribal consultants in interpretation and education projects. Canyons of the Ancients NM offers an unparalleled opportunity to observe, study, and experience how cultures lived and adapted over time in the American Southwest.</p> <p>Monument resources include spectacular land forms with deeply incised canyons, sheer sandstone cliffs, and panoramic vistas; riparian areas with habitat for the threatened and endangered southwestern willow flycatcher; and unique herpetological species. The Monument is adjacent to Hovenweep National Monument, managed by the National Park Service. Canyons of the Ancients NM hosts 45,000 annual visitors. The popular Sand Canyon Trail receives more than 15,000 visitors annually. Limited parking has created safety hazards with heavy traffic on an adjacent county road.</p>																																									
O&M Cost	Estimated “start up” cost: \$24,000		Estimated “annual” maintenance: \$5,000																																							
Mission Goal	Meets the “Resource Protection” goal of the DOI’s Strategic Plan by protecting cultural and archaeological resources.																																									

Canyons of the Ancients National Monument



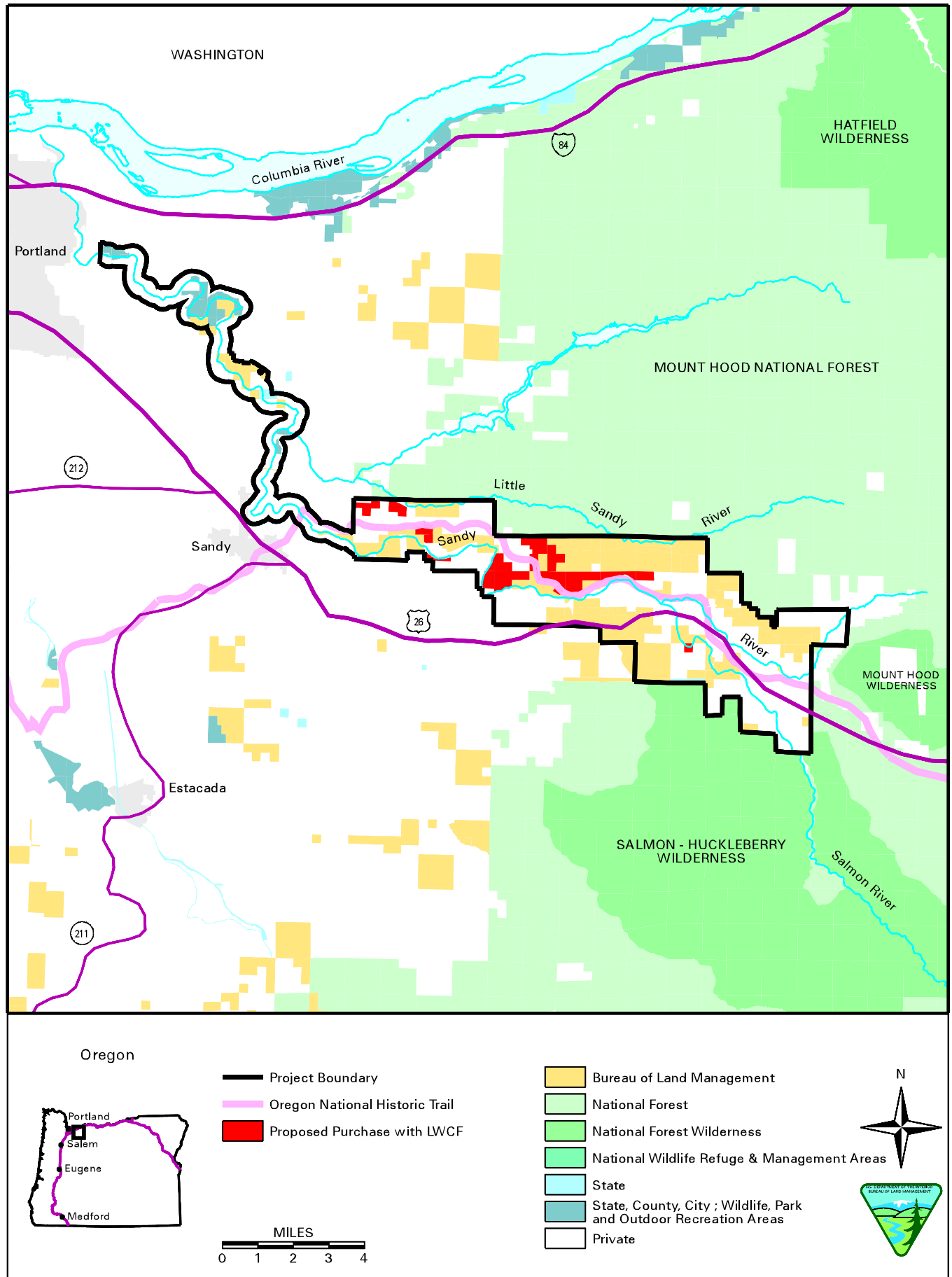
Sandy River/Oregon National Historic Trail

OREGON		Clackamas and Multnomah Counties	Congressional Districts 3 and 5
Location	Northwest Oregon, 20 miles southeast of Portland.		
Purpose	Acquisition of multiple parcels within the Sandy River gorge, allowing for the protection of significant scenic, recreation, fisheries, and wildlife values.		
Purchase Opportunities	Multiple properties facing immediate threats from commercial and rural residential development, and degrading land use practices.		
Partner	Western Rivers Conservancy.		
Cooperators	Western Rivers Conservancy, The Nature Conservancy, USDA, Forest Service (USFS), State of Oregon, Clackamas and Multnomah Counties, METRO (regional government body), Cities of Portland and Sandy, Portland General Electric (PGE), Northwest Steelheaders, Oregon Trout, Sandy River Watershed Council.		
Project Description	<p>A breath-taking scenic corridor immediately east of metropolitan Portland, the Sandy and Salmon River canyons descend from the forested slopes of Mount Hood, harboring a rich diversity of animal and plant populations, within secluded riparian and wetland areas. Multiple listed salmon species, including Lower Columbia Chinook and Chum salmon use these turbulent waters for spawning and rearing their young before returning to the Pacific Ocean via the Columbia River. Old growth stands of Douglas fir contain prime habitat for the threatened northern spotted owl.</p> <p>The Sandy River project offers exceptional recreational opportunities for fishing, hiking, wildlife viewing, nature study, and non-motorized boating or floating. The project is easily accessible from the Portland Metro area, the northwest's second largest population center. The 29,000-acre Sandy River project contains the route of the historic Barlow Road, the western segment of the Oregon National Historic Trail and shares a common boundary with the Salmon-Huckleberry Wilderness, administered by the USFS.</p> <p>BLM is working with PGE to remove the Bull Run hydroelectric project, including dams on both the Sandy and Little Sandy Rivers. Dam removal will restore the free flowing character of the Sandy River and result in the eventual transfer of 1,272 acres of PGE lands within the Sandy River project area into Federal ownership.</p>		
O&M Cost	Estimated "start up" cost: \$5,000 Estimated "annual" maintenance: \$1,500		
Mission Goal	Meets the "Resource Protection" and "Serving Communities" goals of the DOI's Strategic Plan by providing increased public access to recreational areas thereby improving visitor satisfaction.		

Acquired to Date		
Method	Acres*	Cost (\$)
Purchase	1,809	7,266,000
Exchange	3,548	15,761,730
Donation	0	0
Other	0	0
Partners	1,500	6,660,115
Proposed for FY2006		
Method	Acres	Cost (\$)
Purchase	535	1,600,000
Pending Future Action		
Method	Acres*	Cost (\$)
Pending	934	3,591,000

*Includes fee and conservation easement interest

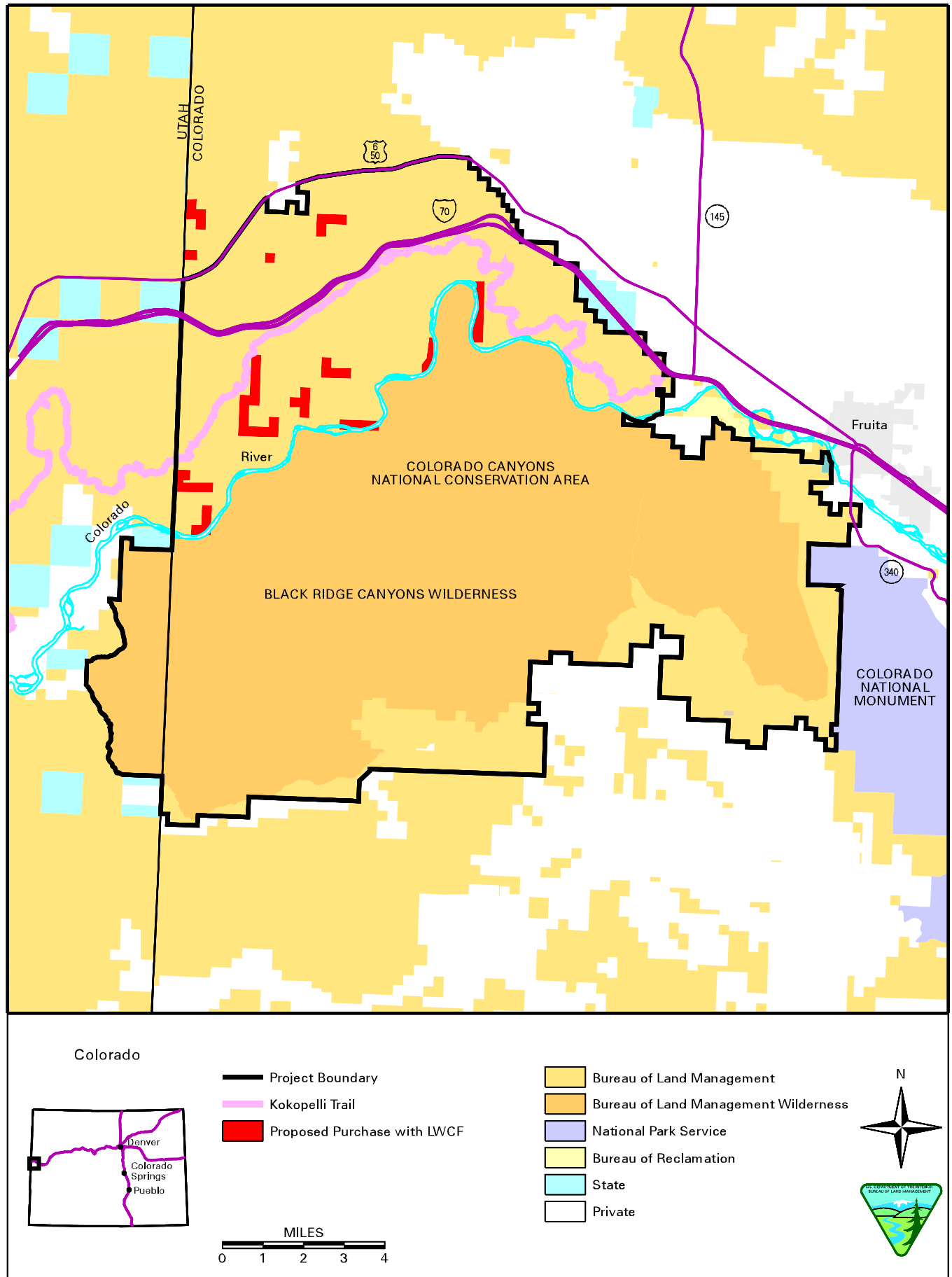
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Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area

COLORADO		Mesa County	Congressional District 3																																							
Location	West central Colorado, 20 miles west of Grand Junction																																									
Purpose	Purchase private inholdings and edgeholdings within and contiguous to the boundary of Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area (NCA).																																									
Purchase Opportunities	Multiple properties facing threats from rural residential development, including five parcels along the Colorado River, are available.																																									
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Partner	The Trust for Public Land.																																									
Cooperators	National Park Service, Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Great Outdoors Colorado, Mesa County Riverfront Commission, City of Fruita.																																									
Project Description	<p>Straddling a 23-mile stretch of the Colorado River within Colorado and Utah, the 122,300-acre Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area (NCA) contains a multitude of nationally significant resources. Outstanding scenery, characterized by towering red sandstone monoliths and deep, sheer-walled canyons provides a stunning backdrop for the NCA's 50,000 annual visitors. The NCA's diverse landscape supports a variety of wildlife populations, including numerous threatened and endangered species. Popular recreational opportunities within the NCA include floating, mountain biking, and hiking. The 1.5-mile "Trail Through Time", administered by the BLM and the Museum of Western Colorado, interprets fossilized dinosaur remains found in a 140 million year old quarry.</p> <p>The Colorado Canyons NCA shares its eastern boundary with the 20,454-acre Colorado National Monument, administered by the National Park Service. The 75,500-acre Black Ridge Wilderness lies within the boundary of the NCA and contains one of the highest concentrations of natural arches in the world. Crossing 142 miles of desert sandstone and shale canyon between Loma, CO (15 miles west of Grand Junction) and Moab, UT, 25 miles of the internationally renowned Kokopelli Mountain Bike Trail pass through Colorado Canyons NCA. In addition to the Kokopelli Mountain Bike Trail, a nationally known 53-mile 8-loop network known as the Kokopelli Loop Trails, lies within the NCA. The Kokopelli Trail receives 31,000 annual visitors; projections are for use to double by 2025.</p>																																									
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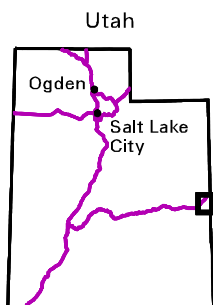
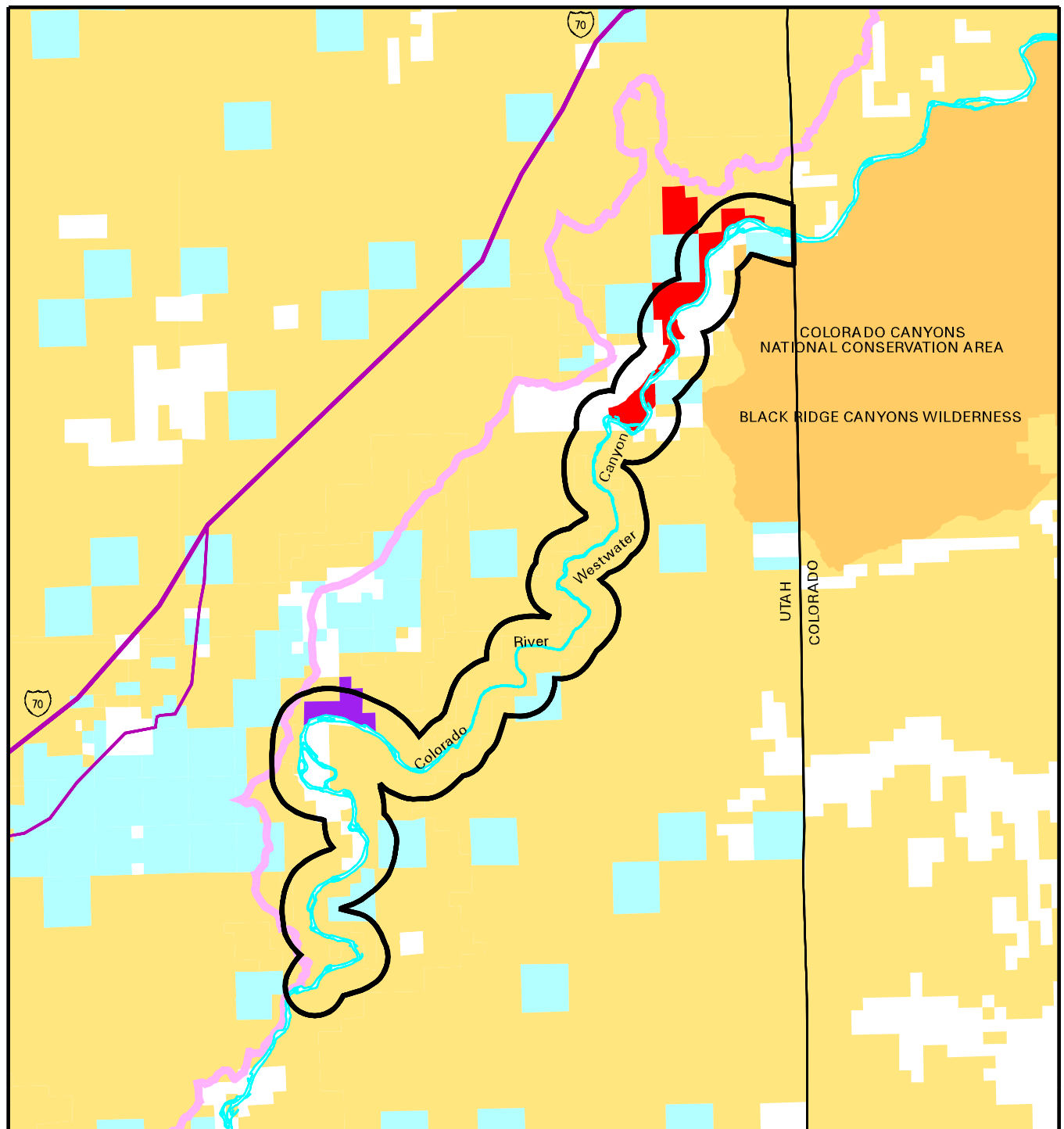
Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area



Colorado River Special Recreation Management Area

UTAH		Grand County		Congressional District 2																																																																																
Location	Southeastern Utah, 40 miles west of Grand Junction, CO.																																																																																			
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- Project Boundary
- Kokopelli Trail
- Proposed Purchase with LWCF
- Proposed Exchange

- Bureau of Land Management
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- State
- Private



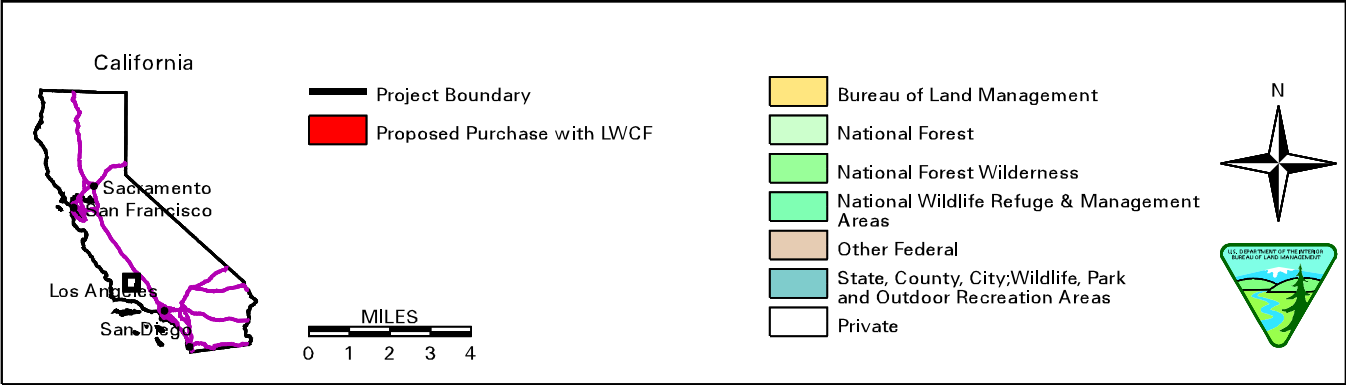
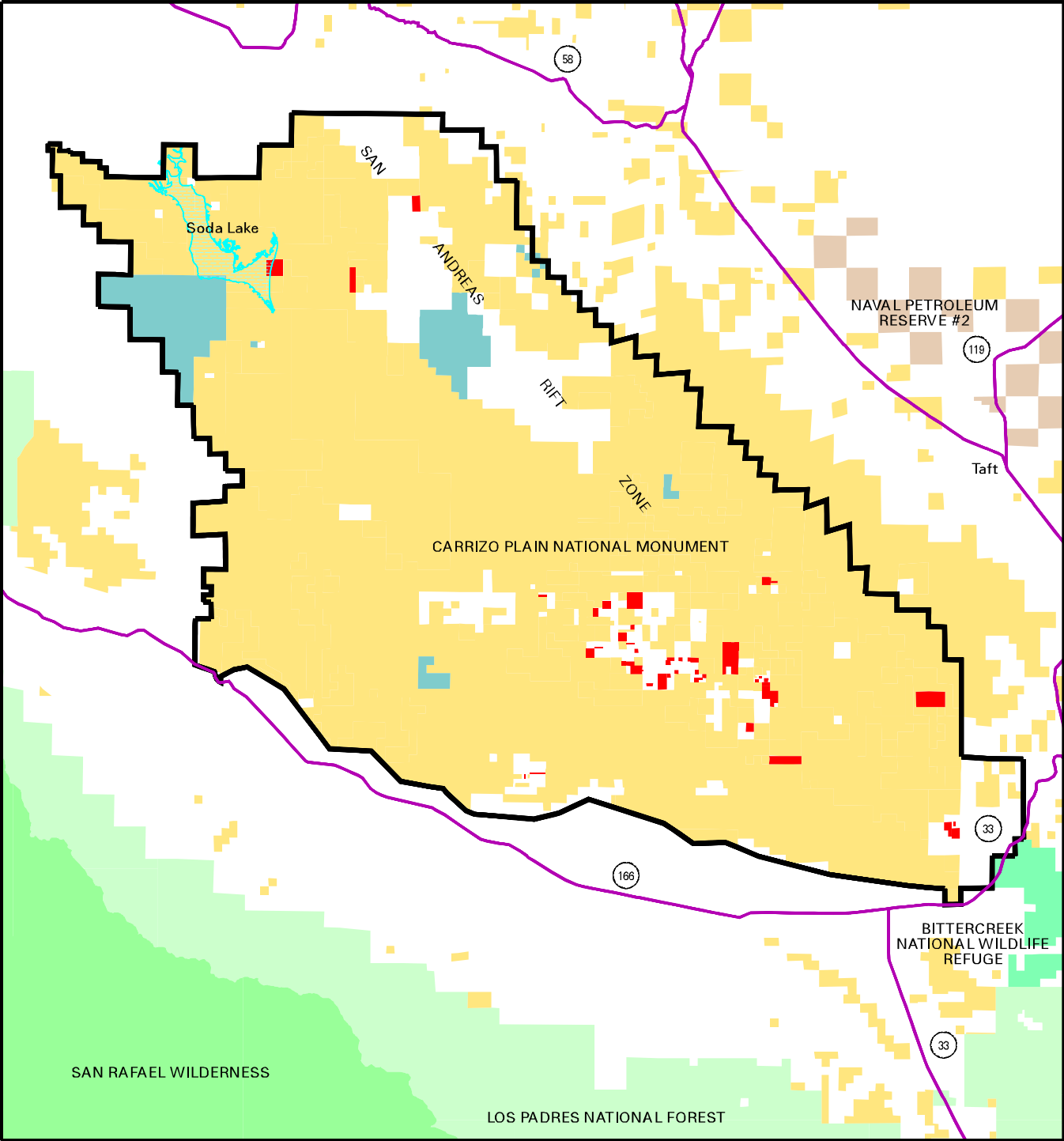
Carrizo Plain National Monument

CALIFORNIA		Kern and San Luis Obispo Counties	Congressional District 22
Location	60 miles west of Bakersfield.		
Purpose	Acquire private inholdings within the Carrizo Plain National Monument to protect outstanding biological and cultural values.		
Purchase Opportunities	75 private landowners have expressed an interest to sell; 36 of these are the most desirable due to clear title and resource considerations.		
Partners	Resources Legacy Fund Foundation and the Bureau of Reclamation.		
Cooperators	The Nature Conservancy, CA Dept. of Fish and Game, Friends of the Carrizo Plain, Southern Sierra Archaeological Society, Carrizo Plain Native American Adv. Committee.		
Project Description	<p>The Carrizo Plain National Monument is a majestic 250,000-acre grassland and scenic mountainous preserve that contains the last remaining undeveloped remnant of the San Joaquin Valley ecosystem. As a result, it provides critical contiguous habitat for one of the largest assemblages of threatened and endangered species surviving on any public lands in the United States, including the blunt-nosed leopard lizard, San Joaquin kit fox, giant kangaroo rat, Kern primrose sphinx moth, longhorn fairy shrimp, vernal pool fairy shrimp, California jewelflower, San Joaquin wooly threads, and the San Joaquin antelope squirrel. Within the vast expanse of the Carrizo Plain lies Painted Rock, an important ceremonial site of the Chumash that rises majestically from the surrounding grassland. In addition, the Monument contains other world-class archaeological sites, which are part of a current nomination as a National Historic Landmark. Soda Lake, a glistening bed of white salt in the dry summer, and the largest alkali wetland remaining in Southern California, provides important habitat for migratory birds during the winter. Those interested in geology can see one of the most spectacular sections of the 800-mile long San Andreas Fault with its complex corrugated topography along the edge of the Plain.</p> <p>The Monument's diversity and proximity to over 20 million people living in Southern and Central California attracts over 75,000 visitors annually who come to enjoy a variety of recreational activities. Those stopping at the Goodwin Education Center or taking guided tours to Painted Rock or along the San Andreas Fault, can share in the rich history of the Carrizo Plain and learn about its unique resources and plant and animal life.</p>		
O&M Cost	Estimated start up cost: \$20,000 Estimated "annual" maintenance: \$10,000		
Mission Goal	Meets the "Serving Communities" goal of the DOI's Strategic Plan by providing increased public access to recreational areas thereby improving visitor satisfaction.		

Acquired to Date		
Method	Acres	Cost (\$)
Purchase	88,050	19,500,000
Exchange	20,376	3,224,552
Donation	776	255,700
Other	0	0
Partners	8,600	1,720,000
Proposed for FY2006		
Method	Acres	Cost (\$)*
Purchase	1,000	500,000
Pending Future Action		
Method	Acres	Cost (\$)*
Pending	31,000	12,352,000

* Resources Legacy Fund Foundation matching grant leverage

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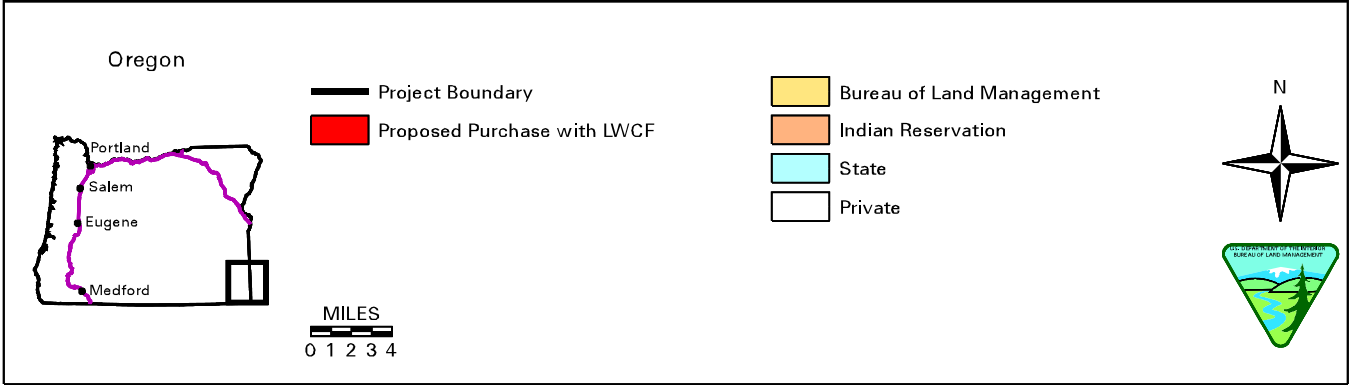
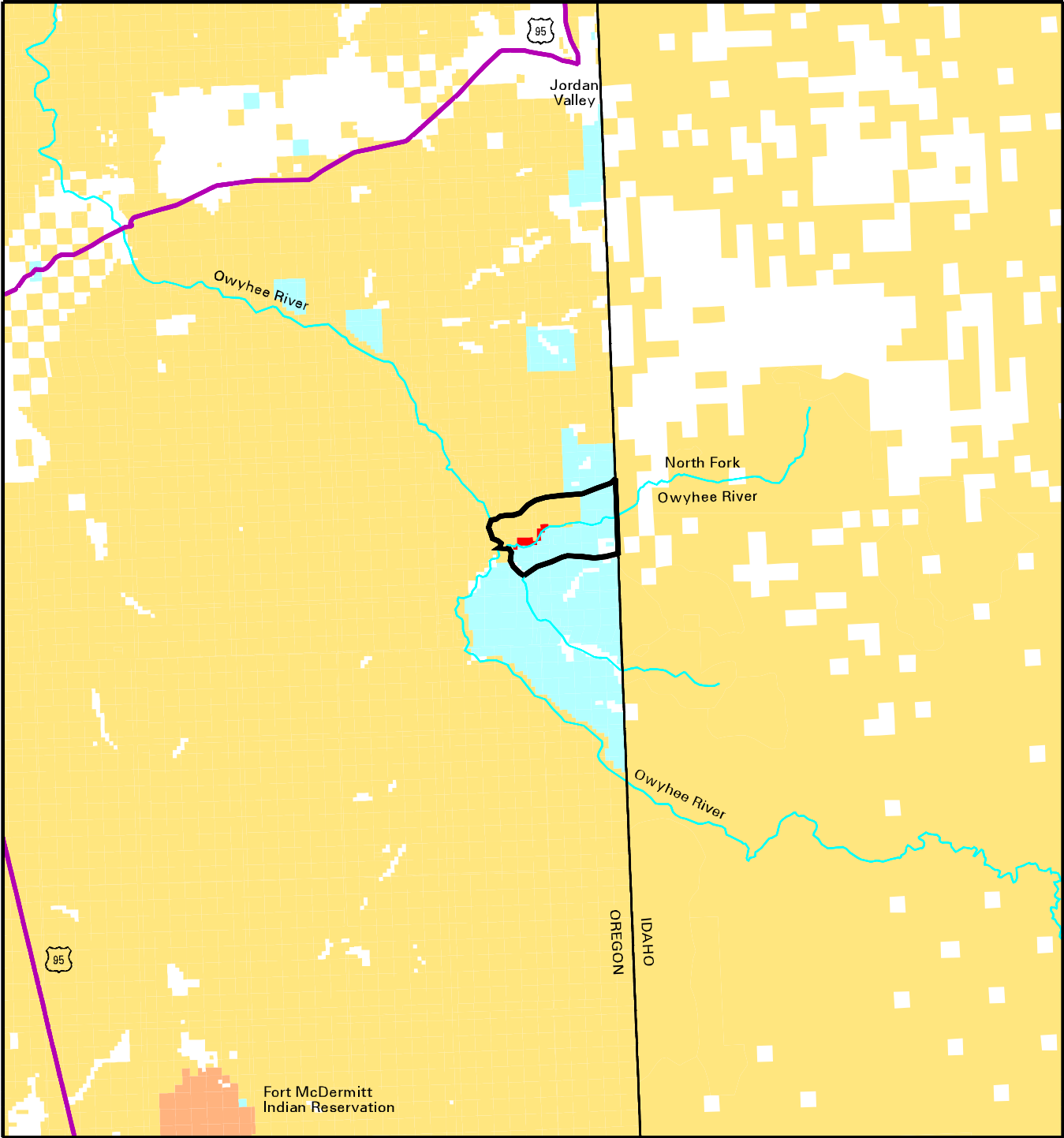


Oregon National Wild and Scenic Rivers (North Fork Owyhee National Wild and Scenic River)

OREGON		Malheur County		Congressional District 2	
Location	Extreme southeast Oregon, approximately 90 miles southwest of Boise, ID.				
Purpose	Fee purchase within designated national wild and scenic river corridor to safeguard river classification, provide scenic and recreational opportunities for the public and protect fish and wildlife habitat.				
Purchase Opportunities	Ranch property threatened with rural and seasonal residential development, land use practices inconsistent with management of adjacent federal lands, and denial of traditional public access.				
Partners	The Nature Conservancy.				
Cooperators	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, American Rivers, Oregon Trout.				
Project Description	<p>The BLM manages 38 National Wild and Scenic Rivers (NWSR's) (20% of the NWSR system) accounting for 2,061 river miles. BLM-Oregon manages 21 NWSR's, equaling 813 river miles.</p> <p>Oregon's National Wild and Scenic River System provides a multitude of fishery habitats, including a rare population of redband trout, and warm water fish species, snails, and aquatic insects. The river canyons provide a wide variety of habitat for plant (many BLM-listed sensitive) and wildlife species. Oregon's wild and scenic river system provides a diverse range of recreational opportunities, from primitive and remote to scenic and rural.</p> <p>The North Fork of the Owyhee NWSR lies in a high plateau within a narrow, basalt-rimmed canyon. The river is noted for its remarkable scenery (a stark landscape of soaring cliffs and pinnacles), geology, wildlife habitat and expert (seasonal) kayaking opportunities. The remote 9.6-mile North Fork of the Owyhee hosts approximately 3,000 annual visitors (recreational use is increasing despite the difficulty of access, extreme fluctuations in river levels, and an unpredictable, short timeframe of river flow high enough to support boating), utilizing 3 commercial outfitters. The Mendieta tract (the only parcel of riverfront private property within the NWSR corridor) straddles one mile of river and includes some of the most intact sagebrush-steppe habitat in Oregon. The area is home to sage grouse, ferruginous hawks, and redband trout. The Mendieta property was purchased by The Nature Conservancy in July 2004 and is available for immediate sale to the BLM for public use.</p>				
O&M Cost	Estimated "start up" cost: \$10,000		Estimated "annual" maintenance: \$10,000		
Mission Goal	Meets the "Serving Communities" goal of the DOI's Strategic Plan by providing increased public access to recreational areas thereby improving visitor satisfaction.				

Oregon National Wild and Scenic Rivers

(North Fork Owyhee National Wild and Scenic River)



Activity: Land Acquisition**Subactivity: Acquisition Management****SUBACTIVITY SUMMARY (\$000)**

	2004 Actual Amount	2005 Enacted Amount	Uncontrollable & Related Changes (+/-) Amount	Program Changes (+/-) Amount	2006 Budget Request Amount	Inc(+) Dec(-) from 2005 Amount
\$(000)	3,456	2,958	0	-658	2,300	-658
FTE	25	25	0	0	25	0

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The 2006 budget request is \$2,300,000 and 25 FTE, a decrease of \$658,000, \$641,000 of which is due to the transfer of the BLM's real estate appraisers to the Department's Appraisal Services Directorate, and \$17,000 due to the reduced need to process land equalization payments in 2006.

The Acquisition Management program funds the administrative costs necessary to acquire the lands funded through the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The funds are used to pay for processing the actions needed to complete land acquisitions, including costs associated with title research, appraisals, project planning, surveys, relocation, coordination with BLM multi-resource programs, and coordination with local governments and private parties.

In November, 2003, the Department reorganized the appraisal function, placing real estate appraisers from the BLM and three other Department bureaus into the Appraisal Services Directorate, within the Department's National Business Center in the Office of the Secretary. The goal of this reorganization is to achieve a significant reform of the appraisal program with the goal of ensuring appraiser independence, objectivity, and professional standards. In 2005, the BLM will reimburse the Office of the Secretary for the salaries and support costs of the 33 appraiser positions that were transferred to the National Business Center. Based on reimbursement from the Department through interagency agreements for each BLM office where Departmental appraisers remain collocated, the BLM will provide office space and administrative support for the appraisers who were transferred to the National Business Center. In 2006, the Department will transfer \$3.1 million from the Management of Land Resources (MLR), Oregon and California Grant Lands, and Land Acquisition accounts to Departmental Management. An additional \$299,000 will be billed to the Southern Nevada Public Land Management account through the Department's Working Capitol Fund. BLM will continue to fund the costs of contracted appraisals. The Land and Realty Management program in the MLR appropriation provides the majority of these funds; however, the Land Acquisition activity

provides some funds for this purpose. See the Land and Realty Management program discussion for details.

This program furthers the Serve Communities mission goal of the Department's Strategic Plan, and the end outcome goal to protect lives, resources, and property. Each mission goal of the Strategic Plan has several performance measures to gauge progress towards meeting mission goal accomplishments, including end outcome goals and measures, intermediate outcome goals and measures, and primary outputs. A key intermediate outcome measure of this goal is to improve land tenure distribution through acquisitions and exchanges. The Land Acquisition program funded through the Land and Water Conservation Fund also supports the Resource Protection mission goal of the Department's Strategic Plan. Protecting cultural and natural heritage resources is an End Outcome Goal of the Resource Protection goal. The Acquisition Management program funds the administrative costs of the land acquisition program, which allows the BLM to meet these goals.

**Use of Performance and Cost Management Data in the
Land Acquisition Program**

The BLM closely monitors funds spent in both the Land Acquisition program, for the purchase of land and interest in land, and the funds spent in the Acquisition Management program, for processing costs for the purchases of the land and interest in land. Processing costs can vary widely for each purchase, from \$50,000 to \$250,000 in 2004, depending on the complexity of the title searches and appraisals, the number of parcels contained in each purchase, and other factors. Close communication with field offices and close monitoring of funds spent, allows the BLM to allocate the appropriate amount of funding to each office.

2004 PROGRAM PERFORMANCE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In 2004, major accomplishments in the land acquisition program, supported by Acquisition Management funding, included

- The fee interest purchase of 73 parcels, totaling 31,742 acres, valued at \$25,935,400.
- The easement interest purchase of 5 parcels, totaling 3,672 acres, valued at \$3,698,100.
- Accepting fee interest donation of 15 parcels, totaling 4,590 acres, valued at \$11,512,267.
- Accepting easement interest donation of 8 parcels, totaling 707 acres, valued at \$437,903.

The Acquisition Management subactivity funded all processing costs for these transactions, including labor and contract costs for appraisals and title searches.

2005 PROGRAM PERFORMANCE ESTIMATES

In 2005, BLM will continue to emphasize innovative acquisition strategies that meet BLM management goals. Significant planned accomplishments in 2005 will include the fee or easement purchase of approximately 125 parcels, totaling 10,000 acres, valued at approximately \$35,000,000.

JUSTIFICATION OF 2006 PROGRAM CHANGES

	Budget Request	Changes (+/-)
\$(000)	2,300	-658
FTE	25	0

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Activity: Land Acquisition**Subactivity: Exchange Equalization Payments****SUBACTIVITY SUMMARY (\$000)**

	2004 Actual Amount	2005 Enacted Amount	Uncontrollable & Related Changes (+/-) Amount	Program Changes (+/-) Amount	2006 Budget Request Amount	Inc(+) Dec(-) from 2005 Amount
\$(000)	494	493	0	-493	0	-493
FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The 2006 budget request is \$0 and 0 FTE.

As Land and Water Conservation Funding becomes increasingly competitive, and the number of land exchanges requiring equalization payments is expected to decline, the BLM will not require land exchange equalization payment funding in 2006.

- This program funds the equalization payments needed to finalize land exchanges. BLM improves land tenure distribution by acquiring land and interest-in-land by a number of methods, including exchange, purchase, and donation. When an exchange is proposed, every attempt is made to equalize values between the lands coming into Federal ownership and the lands leaving Federal ownership. In those instances where land values are not equal, the BLM is required by the *Federal Land Policy and Management Act* to obtain equal valued properties in exchange, so the BLM attempts to equalize land values by decreasing or increasing the land leaving Federal ownership. In certain instances, where land values are not equal and there is no available land in Federal ownership to equalize values, a cash payment can be made to the exchange proponent. This cash payment is an "equalization" payment. This payment cannot exceed 25 percent of the difference between the values of the lands coming into Federal ownership and the lands leaving Federal ownership. This program furthers the Serve Communities mission goal of the Department's Strategic Plan, and the end outcome goal to protect lives, resources, and property.

2006 PROGRAM CHANGES

	2006 Budget Request	Program Changes (+/-)
\$(000)	0	-493
FTE	0	0

Equalization Payment (-\$493,000) - The number of land exchanges requiring equalization payments in 2006 is expected to be minimal, and the BLM will not require land exchange equalization payment funding in 2006. The BLM will fund exchange equalization payments with unobligated balances in 2006 if the need arises.

Activity: Land Acquisition**Subactivity: Emergencies and Inholdings****SUBACTIVITY SUMMARY (\$000)**

	2004 Actual Amount	2005 Enacted Amount	Uncontrollable & Related Changes (+/-) Amount	Program Changes (+/-) Amount	2006 Budget Request Amount	Inc(+) Dec(-) from 2005 Amount
\$(000)	1,000	1,479	0	+21	1,500	+21
FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The 2006 budget request is \$1,500,000 and 0 FTE.

The Emergencies and Inholdings program enables the BLM to improve land tenure distribution and serve communities allowing the BLM to purchase properties which become available on short notice and would not remain available unless immediate action is taken. The availability of funds for emergency and inholding purchases permits timely actions to alleviate hardships and prevent adverse land use that may conflict with management objectives for adjacent public lands. These parcels, although small and generally inexpensive, conserve and protect cultural and historic resources, permit retention of disappearing open space, preserve wildlife habitat and wilderness, enhance public recreation opportunities, and are strongly supported for Federal acquisition by local communities. The use of these funds is limited to purchasing land or interest in land within or adjacent to Administratively or Congressionally designated boundaries or areas that meet the intent of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act.

The Emergencies and Inholdings program supports the Serving Communities mission goal from the Department's Strategic Plan.

2004 PROGRAM PERFORMANCE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In 2004, an example of projects that were acquired using Emergencies and Inholding program funds include:

- Purchase of 136 acres in fee, valued at \$134,000, an edgeholding to Colorado's Canyons of the Ancients National Monument from a highly motivated willing seller facing financial hardship created by a four-year drought and agricultural markets in decline. The property is

immediately south of the Lowry Pueblo (a National Historic Landmark) and immediately east of the Little Dog Site (listed on the National Register of Historic Places). The property contains two large and significant cultural sites, which are part of the Lowry Pueblo and Cow Canyon communities, including a 100-room pueblo with dozens of kivas and towers. The 164,000-acre Canyons of the Ancients National Monument has the highest known density of archeological sites in the nation, with more than 100 sites/square mile.; 5,000 sites are documented, and a total of 20,000-30,000 sites are predicted. The parcel is contiguous to Cross Canyon Wilderness Study Area. The Trust for Public Land assisted BLM with this purchase.

2005 PROGRAM PERFORMANCE ESTIMATES

The BLM will continue to fund acquisitions of small tracts in 2005, if emergency situations arise where a landowner has a need to immediately sell properties due to financial issues, or a property is on the market for a short time. The determination to use these funds will be made on a case-by-case basis, and all acquisitions with these funds will meet the goals of the land acquisition program.

JUSTIFICATIONS OF 2006 PROGRAM CHANGES

	2006 Budget Request	Program Changes (+/-)
\$(000)	1,500	+21
FTE	0	0

Inholding Increase (+\$21,000) - The BLM is experiencing an increased number of landowners who desire to sell properties located within BLM-managed tracts of land in National Monuments or other special areas. These landowners often hold small tracts and offer the tracts for sale to the BLM for a limited period. Maintaining this level of funding will allow the BLM to purchase these small tracts quickly.